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REMARKS

Pending and Canceled Claims

By way of the above amendments, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 19, 35 and

38 and dependent claims 3-4, 14 and 21-22. Applicant has also canceled claims 2, 5, 6, 20, 23-24

and 29-34. New claims 44-54 have been added. Accordingly, claim 1, 3-4, 7-18, 21-22, 25-28 and

35-54 are pending in the current application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and completed PTO-

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that any cited item is available as a reference, or a waiver of any right the Applicants may have

under applicable statutes, Rules of Practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-styled patent application, as amended, is in

condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that may be resolved by

telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.3542.

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